## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO DIVISION

In Re: Case No.: 11-30977-hcm DHC REALTY, LLC, Debtor, DHC REALTY, LLC, CHOWAIKI HOLDINGS, LLC, EL PASO DHC ENTERPRISES, LLC, EL PASO DHC ENTERPRISES FAR EAST, LLC, EL PASO DHC ENTERPRISES WEST, LLC, and DAVID CHOWAIKI Plaintiffs, Adversary No.: 12-03012-hcm V. ARMANDO ARMENDARIZ, YVETTE ARMENDARIZ, and HECTOR ARMENDARIZ. Defendants.

# DEFENDANT YVETTE ARMENDARIZ'S RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

TO: Plaintiffs, DHC REALTY, LLC, CHOWAIKI HOLDINGS, LLC, EL PASO DHC ENTERPRISES, LLC, EL PASO DHC ENTERPRISES FAR EAST, LLC, EL PASO DHC ENTERPRISES WEST, LLC, and DAVID CHOWIAKI by and through their attorneys of record, Corey W. Haugland, and Jamie T. Wall, James & Haugland, P.C., P.O. Box 1770, El Paso, Texas 79949-1770.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Fed.R.Civ.P., Defendant YVETTE ARMENDARIZ propounds the following Responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production:

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document has been mailed certified mail return receipt requested to Corey W. Haugland, James & Haugland, P.C., P.O. Box 1770, El Paso, Texas 79949-1770, this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of November, 2012.

CHRISTOPHER R. JOHNSTON

## RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

**GENERAL OBJECTION:** Defendant objects to the following statement: "Unless otherwise specified, each request is limited to the time period from January 1, 2006 through the present." Any Request for Production for documents for the time period after the wrongful termination of Defendant are irrelevant to this litigation and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:. All documents relating to any savings bank books, records, accounts and memoranda held in your name, individually or jointly, or in connection with any other person or entity, whether the books are current or may have been cancelled.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, documents relating to the current personal savings bank accounts of Defendant, for the relevant time period, if any, will be produced, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:</u> All documents relating to any checking accounts held in your name, individually or in connection with any other person or entity, including checkbooks, checkbook stubs, statements, cancelled checks and deposit slips, whether the accounts are current or have been closed.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, documents relating to the current personal checking account of Defendant will be produced, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:</u>. All documents relating to any stock certificates, bonds, or other securities in your name, individually or jointly, or in connection with any other person or entity, or which may be held in the account of Yvette Armendariz, individually, or in conjunction with any other person or entity in any corporation.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:. All documents relating to any stock brokerage accounts in your name, individually or jointly, or in connection with any other person or

entity, including but not limited to, books, records, accounts, monthly statements, statements of transactions and all other papers and memoranda thereof.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5: All federal and state income tax returns filed by you for the previous four (4) years (2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011) together with any schedules and worksheets related thereto as well as all other papers and memoranda referring to any adjustment made in connection therewith. jointly. [sic]

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, these will be produced, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:</u> All documents relating to deeds or conveyances of real property in your name, individually or jointly, or in connection with any other person or entity, or of which you, individually or jointly, are the legal beneficiary or equitable owner or have any interest therein.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:</u> All documents relating to monies received and being presently received by you from all sources, including but not limited to, accounts receivable, wages, earnings, draws, dividends, bonuses, automobile sales, real property leases, or reimbursed expenses, for the preceding four (4) years.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, outside the scope of permissible discovery, and equally available to Plaintiffs. Documents relating to Defendant's employee earnings are equally available to Plaintiffs.

Without waiving these objections, copies of Defendant's paycheck stubs will be made available for inspection subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement, and documentation related to property rental income is documented on Defendant's tax returns.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8: All documents relating to policies of insurance covering you or your personal or real property including but not limited to life, liability, accident, home, and automobile, and all records showing payments for premiums therefor.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement, Defendant's automotive and homeowner insurance policies will be produced and other documents responsive to this request in the possession, custody, or control of Defendant will be made available for inspection.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:</u> All documents relating to your memberships in and contributions to any charity or any other organizations or associations, including private or professional clubs or associations.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, refer to Defendant's tax returns. There is no documentation for donations to church and Goodwill.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10: All documents relating to any business entity in which you have an interest, individually or jointly, or in conjunction or partnership with any other individual or entity, including, but not limited to, books, records, general ledgers, general journals, cash journals, payroll records, purchase and sales journals, petty cash records, bank statements, and cancelled checks.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving this objection, there is none.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11: All records for any corporation which you, individually or jointly, hold stock directly or indirectly if the corporation records are under your actual or constructive control.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12: All documents relating to the title of any assets held by you, individually or jointly, whether presently owned by you, individually or jointly, or previously transferred by or to you within the preceding four (4) years.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, relevant copies of Defendant's motor vehicle titles will be produced, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13: All documents relating to bills and/or purchase price for items costing in excess of \$500.00 purchased by you and records concerning acquisition of same.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, see credit card statements which will be made available for inspection in response to Request for Production No. 19, and checking account statements produced in response to Request for Production No. 2.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14: All documents relating to bills and/or purchase price for items costing in excess of \$500.00 owned by you which you claims [sic] to be exempt property and records concerning your acquisition of same.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there are no tax exempt records.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15:. All documents relating to any location in which you maintain a business enterprise, including but not limited to, real estate purchase contracts, deeds, lease agreements, rental agreements, security deposits, mortgages, mortgage balance sheets, monthly mortgage payments, and all other documentation relating thereto.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16:</u> All documents relating to any financial statements prepared or submitted by you to any individual or institution for the preceding five (5) years together with all schedules, worksheets memoranda and other papers regarding same.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none other than Defendant's tax returns.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17:</u> All documents relating to debts owed to you at any time within the preceding (5) years, including but not limited to, promissory notes, IOU notes and/or accounts receivable.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, documents relating to the personal loan made to David Chowaiki will be produced.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:</u> All documents memorializing any contracts or financial transactions by and between you and any current or past employees of the Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, including, but not limited to, any promissory notes, ledgers, receipts, correspondence.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:</u> All monthly credit card statements for all credit cards used by you since January 1, 2008.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, these statements, for the relevant time period, will be made available for inspection subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20: All monthly phone bills for you, your household, and for anyone living at your household since January 1, 2009.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, records responsive to this Request, for the relevant time period, will be made available for inspection, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:</u> All documents related to the catering business of the Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, and overly burdensome. This Request is also vague and ambiguous as it does not refer to documents in possession, custody, or control of Defendant.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:</u> All applications or documents submitted by you since January 1, 2008 to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas State Comptroller, or the Texas Secretary of State in order to obtain a license or to qualify generally to do business in the state of Texas.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 23:</u> All documents relating to your purchase or sale of any automobile since January 1, 2008.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation.

Without waiving this objection, see Response to Request for Production No. 12.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 24:</u> All quarterly sales tax reports submitted by you to the Texas State Comptroller relating to your sales of automobiles, trucks, or boats in the state of Texas since January 1, 2008.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is Request is not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 25:</u> If you have provided financing to anyone who has purchased an automobile, truck, or boat from you since January 1, 2008, produce all documents memorializing these credit transactions.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 26:</u> All documents memorializing communications sent by you or received by you from or with any suppliers, vendors, employees, exemployees, family, or friends relating to the business of Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas, since January 1, 2008.

**RESPONSE:** Objection, this Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and is outside the scope of permissible discovery. Any documents responsive to this Request after the institution of this lawsuit are protected by attorney-client privilege.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 27:</u> All documents in your possession, custody or control related to employee files or ex-employee files or personnel who have worked for Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad, and seeks documents equally available to Plaintiffs. The phrase "related to" is vague, ambiguous and overly broad.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 28:</u> All records related to charitable contributions made by you utilizing Fuddruckers of El Paso's materials, food, or other items of value during the time that you have been employed by Chowaiki Holdings, LLC and/or its related Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad. The phrase "related to" is vague, ambiguous and overly broad.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 29: All records of food purchases made by you since January 1, 2009.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are an invasion of privacy, irrelevant to this litigation, and outside the scope of permissible discovery.

Without waiving these objections, records responsive to this Request, for the relevant time period, will be made available for inspection, subject to the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement. Refer also to Defendant's banking records produced in response to Request for Production Nos. 1 and 2.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 30:</u> Any records related to the vending machines located in the Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, and overly burdensome.

Without waiving these objections, documents responsive to this Request in electronic form, if any, will be produced and those in print form, if any, will be made available for inspection.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 31: All documents memorializing any cash payments received by you, rebates received by you, gifts received by you, or any items of value received by you or anyone in your household provided by customers or by vendors/suppliers with a relationship to the Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas. This would necessarily include suppliers, vendors, employees, ex-employees, relatives, friends, military personnel, or anyone else who has provided anything of value to you because of your relationship with Chowaiki Holdings, LLC and/or the Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, overly burdensome, not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and seeks documents that are irrelevant to this litigation.

Without waiving these objections, there is none.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 32:</u> All documents related to any purchases by you on behalf of Fuddruckers restaurants in El Paso, Texas since January 1, 2008.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, and overly burdensome.

Without waiving these objections, documents responsive to this Request in electronic form, if any, will be produced and those in print form, if any, will be made available for inspection.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 33:</u> All documents memorializing any loans by you to David Chowaiki, Hilel Chowaiki, Chowaiki Holdings, LLC, DHC Realty, LLC, Spira Sportswear, LLC, Basic Sports Apparel, Inc., El Paso DHC Enterprises Far East, LLC, El Paso DHC Enterprises, LLC, and/or El Paso DHC Enterprises West, LLC.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is overly broad.

Without waiving this objection, see Response to Request for Production No. 17. Documents pertaining to the personal load made to David Chowaiki will be produced.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 34: All documents memorializing any communications by you with David Chowaiki, Hilel Chowaiki, Chowaiki Holdings, LLC, DHC Realty, LLC, Spira Sportswear, LLC, Basic Sports Apparel, Inc., El Paso DHC Enterprises Far East, LLC, El Paso DHC Enterprises, LLC, and/or El Paso DHC

Enterprises West, LLC relating to any alleged loans by you to David Chowaiki, Hilel Chowaiki, Chowaiki Holdings, LLC, DHC Realty, LLC, Spira Sportswear, LLC, Basic Sports Apparel, Inc., El Paso DHC Enterprises Far East, LLC, El Paso DHC Enterprises, LLC, and/or El Paso DHC Enterprises West, LLC.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, and overly burdensome.

Without waiving these objections, see Response to Request for Production No. 17. Documents pertaining to the personal load made to David Chowaiki will be produced.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 35: If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by fraud, please produce all documents which support your contention.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 36:</u> If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of unclean hands, please produce all documents which support your contention.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 37: If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by laches, please produce all documents which support your contention.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 38:</u> If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of waiver, please produce all documents which support your contention.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 39:</u> . If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of waiver, please produce all documents which support your contention.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 40:</u> If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because of an accord and satisfaction, please produce all documents which support your contention.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.

<u>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 41:</u> If you contend that Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because of a failure of consideration, please produce all documents which support your contention.

**RESPONSE:** Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and seeks information that is privileged, and based on attorney work product.

Without waiving these objections, see documents produced and made available for inspection. Additional documents responsive to this Request will be produced.